



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 1999

H.R. 2181

Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 30, 1999

SUMMARY

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2181 would cost the federal government \$235 million over the 2000-2004 period. (An additional \$125 million would be spent after 2004). The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2181 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2181 would authorize the Secretary of Commerce to acquire, subject to the availability of appropriations, up to six vessels for conducting fishery surveys and other activities. The Secretary could acquire the vessels by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, or charter. For this purpose, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$60 million for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2181 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized will be appropriated for each year. Outlays are based on historic spending patterns for similar acquisitions.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	60	60	60	60	60
Estimated Outlays	21	42	54	58	60

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2181 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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